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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

**MAY 12, 2024**

ANTIPASCHA

2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA

St. Thomas Sunday

St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

St. Germanus, Patriarch of  
Constantinople

## SAINT GERMANUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Saint Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople, was born at Constantinople in the seventh century. His father, a prominent senator, was killed by order of the emperor Constantine Pogonatos (668-685). The young Germanus was emasculated and sent to a monastery, where he studied Holy Scripture. Because of the sanctity of his life, Germanus was made bishop in the city of Cyzicus.

Saint Germanus rose up in defense of the Orthodox Faith against the iconoclast heretics. He was later made Patriarch of Constantinople. Saint Germanus continued to stand up against the iconoclasts and to their spokesman, the heretical emperor Leo III the Isaurian (717-741), but the contest was unequal. He was forced to put his omophorion upon the altar table in the sanctuary, and to resign the archpastoral throne. Then the enraged emperor, who accused the Patriarch of heresy the day before, sent soldiers, who beat the saint and threw him out of the patriarchal residence. Saint Germanus was Patriarch for fourteen years and five months.

He went to a monastery, where he spent the remaining days of his life. The holy Patriarch Germanus died in the year 740, at age ninety-five, and was buried in the Chora monastery in Constantinople. Afterwards, his relics were transferred to France.

At the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787), the name of Patriarch Germanus was included in the diptychs of the saints. He wrote a "Meditation on Church Matters or Commentary on the Liturgy;" also an explanation of the difficult passages of Holy Scripture, and another work on the rewards of the righteous after death.

His important work on the various heresies that had arisen since apostolic times, and on the church councils that took place during the reign of the emperor Leo the Iconoclast, provides a wealth of historical information.

There are also three letters from the Patriarch about the veneration of icons, which were read at the Seventh Ecumenical Council.

His other works include hymns in praise of the saints, discourses on the Feasts of the Entry into the Temple, the Annunciation and the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, and on the restoration of the church in honor of the Placing of the Venerable Zone of the Most Holy Theotokos.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: All of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, Robert, the Ries family, Jackson, John, Michelle, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Davide, Andra and her unborn child

NEWBORN: Everett James

DEPARTED: All of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, Child of God Daniel, Edward, Tom, Glory

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

ANNIVERSARIES: Steve & Rebecca Edwards

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that Church School will resume on Sunday, May 19.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: Women from the parish will get together for breakfast on Saturday, May 18, 9:00a at The Executive Diner (1400 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314).

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choir members, please note that our next rehearsalS scheduled for May 18 after Vespers (6-7).

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Men from the parish will get together for breakfast on Saturday, June 1, 8:30a at The Executive Diner (1400 Duke St, Alexandria, VA 22314).

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

May 12, Sun  
9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

May 15, Wed  
6:30 PM

Parish Council

May 18, Sat  
9:00 AM  
5:00 PM  
6:00 PM

Women's Breakfast  
Great Vespers  
Choir Rehearsal

May 19, Sun  
8:45 AM  
9:30 AM

Church School  
Divine Liturgy

## MINISTRY ROTATIONS

**May 12**

**May 19**

Coffee Hour:

Garber

Class

Reader:

Barr

Hughes

*Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment*